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In re Application of: Confirmation No.: 2875 Brian J. BERDAN, et al. Application No.: 09/911,288 Group Art Unit: 3682 Filed: July 23, 2001 Examiner: Julie Knecht SMITH

EXTENSIBLE JACK HANDLE For:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the nonfinal Office Action of July 1, 2004 to which a response is due by October 1, 2004. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.